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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached please find the following documents related to the above-referenced application:

- 1) Response to the Office Action mailed 25 July 2002 (13 pages)

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 25 JULY 2002

In response to the Office Action mailed 25 July 2002, Applicant offers the following remarks. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 61, 70, 76, 85, 100, 106, and 115 as follows:

61. (once amended) An apparatus for receiving treatments corresponding to a calling party's unsuccessful attempt to complete a communications session, comprising:

means for attempting to initiate a communications session from a calling party's communications device to a called party's communications device across a packet based network;

means for receiving a packet based indication that the attempted communications session was not completed; and

receiving means for receiving at the calling party's communications device a packet based message providing an indication of a treatment corresponding to the attempted communications session, wherein said message is presented to the calling party through the calling party's communication device.

70. (once amended) An apparatus for providing treatments corresponding to a calling party's unsuccessful attempt to complete a communication session, comprising:

means for receiving an attempt to initiate a communications session from a calling party's communications device to a called party's communications device;